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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER JIMMY)
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SUMMIT MEETING IN LAGOS

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1. WE BELIEVE MACHEL WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN
PRESIDENT CARTER, PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN, GENERAL
OBASANJO AND FRONT LINE COLLEAGUES IN LAGOS FOR DISCUSSION
ON RHODESIA. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, MACHEL HAS NO COMMITMENTS
FOR EARLY APRIL THAT WOULD PRECLUDE HIS ATTENDANCE AT
LAGOS SUMMIT.

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2. TO WARRANT TRIP TO NIGERIA, MACHEL WOULD EXPECT
PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN TO STAY IN
LAGOS LONG ENOUGH TO PERMIT SERIOUS AND THROUGH REVIEW
OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. ON BASIS CURRENT STATE OF PLAY
ON RHODESIA, WE BELIEVE MACHEL WOULD GO TO LAGOS HOPING
TO PERSUAD PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN
TO RESUME TALKS WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT ON THE ANGLO AMERICAN

PLAN. UPON CONCLUSION OF SUMMIT, MACHEL WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO SEE A STATEMENT BY ALL THE PARTICIPANTS ANNOUNCING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE AAP. SUCH AN ENDORSEMENT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE HELPFUL TO UK AND US PROVIDED BY TIME OF LAGOS SUMMIT WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT ONCE AGAIN IN OUR INTERESTS TO PURSUE VIGOROUSLY THE AAP. IN THAT CASE. AN ENDORSEMENT BY PARTICIPANTS IN LAGOS SUMMIT COULD SERVE AS STRONG INDUCEMENT ON PATRIOTIC FRONT TO ACCEPT AAP MORE OR LESS IN ITS PRESENT FORM.

3. MACHEL NO DOUBT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, BUT WOULD UNDERSTAND IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE SO LONG AS PRIVATE MEETINGS ARE NOT GRANTED TO THE OTHER FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS.
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